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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 5
77 WEST JACKSON BOULEVARD
CHICAGO, IL 60604-3590

OVERNIGHT DELIVERY

REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

SEE ATTACHED LIST OF ADDRESSEES
[Attachment A]

Re: **INITIAL MEETING ON SPECIAL NOTICE OF LIABILITY**
Sauget Area 2 Site
Sauget/Cahokia, Illinois

Dear Sir or Madam:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has begun receiving responses from many of you indicating your willingness to engage in good faith negotiations directed at reaching agreement to conduct or finance appropriate response actions at the Sauget Area 2 Site (the Site) pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980. As stated in the Special Notice, Potentially Responsible Parties (PRPs) are allotted a maximum of 60 days to coordinate with any PRPs and to present to U.S. EPA a "good faith offer" to conduct and/or finance the remedial investigation and to negotiate the terms of an administrative order on consent. The term "good faith offer" is defined in the Special Notice Letter.

In accordance with the requirements of Section 122(e)(2), during this 60-day moratorium, U.S. EPA will not commence remedial action at the Site. U.S. EPA may, however, commence any additional studies or investigations authorized under Section 104(b), and take any action at the Site should a significant threat to human health or the environment arise during the negotiation period.

Based on Certificates of Mailing in this matter, U.S. EPA has determined that the 60-day period in this case started on June 30, 2000. Therefore, if a "good faith" proposal is not received on or before August 29, 2000, U.S. EPA, pursuant to Section 122(e)(4), may proceed to immediately undertake such further action as is authorized by law, utilizing public funds available to the Agency.

To explain this process further, U.S. EPA has arranged to hold an **initial meeting** with interested PRPs on **August 2, 2000**. Representatives from U.S. EPA and Illinois EPA will attend. The meeting will be held at the **Sauget Village Hall**, located at the corner of Falling Springs Road and Queeny Avenue in Sauget, Illinois starting at **1:00 p.m.**



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Re: **SPECIAL NOTICE OF LIABILITY**
Sauget Area 2 Site
Sauget/Cahokia, Illinois

Dear Sir or Madam:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has undertaken response actions at the Sauget Area 2 Site (the Site, see map appended to Attachment D) pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, 42 U.S.C. Section 9601 et seq., as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986, Public Law 99-499 (CERCLA). These actions, which include extensive sampling in and around the Site and the consolidation and capping of wastes found at Sauget Area 2 Site Q, have documented the release or threatened release of hazardous substances, pollutants, and contaminants at the Site. A document referencing the sampling activities and studies which have taken place in Sauget Area 2 Site is referenced in Attachment A. Specific findings from certain of these studies concerning the Site are presented in the proposed Administrative Order on Consent appended hereto as Attachment D.

Additional Response Actions

Unless U.S. EPA determines that a potentially responsible party (PRP) will voluntarily undertake the response action necessary at the Site, U.S. EPA may, under Section 104 of CERCLA, undertake the response action itself and, under Section 107 of CERCLA, seek reimbursement from PRPs of all costs incurred in connection with the action taken. Such costs may include, but are not limited to, expenditures for investigation, planning, response and enforcement activities. Moreover, under Section 106 of CERCLA, U.S. EPA may order responsible parties to implement relief actions deemed necessary by U.S. EPA to protect the public health, welfare or environment from an

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